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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Kashmir

(Report #5 - As of 1100 a.m. EDT)

1. Fighting in the Chhamb - Akhnur sector of Indian Kashmir continues "brisk," with Pakistani spokesmen claiming consolidation of yesterday's gains. There is no indication that the Pakistanis have succeeded in taking Akhnur.

2. In a follow-up to yesterday's briefing of Western attachés, the Pakistani Interservices Intelligence Directorate (ISID) informed a US attaché at 11:00 a.m. local time (2:00 a.m. EDT) that Pakistani forces have passed beyond Chhamb toward Akhnur, but explained the action as an effort to consolidate their position along a more easily defended front. The ISID briefer reported that an Indian counterattack supported by aircraft was believed to be under way.

3. Western sources in Jammu have already reported on the confusion among Indian military elements. Perhaps indicative of this battlefield confusion is a press report from Karachi that a Pakistani helicopter landed by mistake at an Indian post and the senior officer, realizing his error, informed the Indians they were surrounded, and obtained the surrender of thirty Indian troops.

4. In three days of aerial encounters Pakistani F-86s and possibly F-104s have downed Indian aircraft at a rate of about three to one. Rawalpindi claims eight kills--British-designed Vampires, Hawker Hunters, and Gnat fighters. The Indians have apparently shot down 2 and possibly 4 F-86s.

5. On the diplomatic front, both Tito and Nasir have reportedly called in Indian and Pakistani ambassadors to urge an end to the fighting.

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